

In reference to the sections in the various appropriations bills, which discuss purchases from Mississippi Industries for the Blind (MIB), the DFA has met with MIB and come to the following agreements.

In an effort to employ more visually impaired citizens of Mississippi, MIB desires to increase their sales of office supplies and other items to the various state agencies.

MIB will pursue one agency at a time. MIB wants to ensure quality products and services and therefore does not believe that it would be prudent to take on the business of all state agencies at one time.

MIB would like to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with all agencies, for MIB to sell specific products required by the agencies. The products may be items covered under various State of Mississippi Contracts or they may be items not covered by any State Contract. For the State Contract items, MIB would offer an equivalent product at a price that does not exceed the State Contract price. DFA has determined that agencies that so desire may enter into a MOU with MIB.

DFA encourages all agencies to review the products and prices once MIB has contacted your agency. At that time MIB will customize a web site for each agency to purchase select products from MIB. Agencies will receive discounted prices with their customized web site.

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